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SUBJECT:US-CZECHOSLOVAK EXCHANGE AGREEMENT: S&T PROGRAM
DOCUMENT DRAFT

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1. AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH USG TECHNICAL AGENCIES
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON EXPANDED DRAFT OF S&T SECTION
OF US-CZECHOSLOVAK PROGRAM DOCUMENT TO IMPLEMENT CULTURAL
AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT. (SIMILAR DRAFT WAS PRESENTED TO
HUNGARIANS BY DEPTOFFS DEC. 8.) DRAFT CONSIDERABLY EXPANDS
EARLIER VERSION AND REPRESENTS MAXIMUM POSITION OF USG
AGENCIES. AS OUTLINED PREVIOUSLY, AGENCIES FUND PROJECTS
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ON THE BASIS OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS, IN COMPETITION WITH
DOMESTIC SUBMISSIONS, THAT RELATE DIRECTLY TO THEIR DOMESTIC
MISSIONS. THUS THEY ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE IN ADVANCE
DETAILED SPECIFICITY IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS
AND AREAS OF COOPERATION.

2. SLAMENEC DISCUSSIONS AT DEPARTMENT OCT. 28 (REF A)

SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE OF ACQUAINTING BOTH SIDES WHAT NEEDS AND CAPABILITIES ARE. THEY CANNOT, HOWEVER, BE USED AT THIS TIME AS BASIS FOR S&T PROGRAM DOCUMENT. INTEREST AROUSED AT THAT MEETING COULD LEAD TO NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CONCERNED AGENCIES IN US AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOWARD COMMITMENTS FOR MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. THESE MEMORANDA AND ARRANGEMENTS COULD THEN BE INCLUDED IN THIS OR SUCCEEDING PROGRAM DOCUMENTS IN THE SAME WAY THAT REFERENCE IS NOW MADE TO THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AGREEMENT AND THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. RESPONSES BY BUREAU OF MINES AND AGRICULTURE WERE PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING BUT AGENCY-TO-AGENCY COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL.

3. LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY REF B REFLECTS ONLY THE INFORMAL TENOR OF THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE OF THE OCT. 28 MEETING AND CANNOT SERVE AS THE TEXT OF THE PROGRAM DOCUMENT. SOME AGREEMENT MIGHT BE REACHED, HOWEVER, ON INCLUDING SIMILAR LIST AS ANNEX TO PROGRAM DOCUMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH AGENCIES CANNOT AT PRESENT COMMIT THEMSELVES FURTHER, DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR POTENTIAL COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE INCLUDED IN PRESENT DRAFT. HOWEVER, WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO TRY TO CONVINCE CZECHOSLOVAKS THAT PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST FEW YEARS WILL HAVE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE MODEST. IN CONTRAST WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE, OUR AGENCIES DO NOT HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH CZECHOSLOVAK COUNTERPARTS. IT WILL TAKE TIME TO DEVELOP SUCH WORKING RELATIONSHIPS.

5. EMBASSY MAY DISCUSS FOLLOWING TEXT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKS.

6. US-CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT PROGRAM DOCUMENT.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ARTICLE 1

THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE FULFILLMENT OF THE EXISTING CO-OPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT OF JULY 1, 1969 BETWEEN THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

ARTICLE 2

(A) THE PARTIES WILL FACILITATE, AS EARLY AS POSSIBLY IN THE PROGRAM PERIOD, THE CONCLUSION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE (INSERT APPROPRIATE

CZECHOSLOVAK AGENCY...).

(B) AFTER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN SIGNED, THE US NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THE (-----) WILL WORK OUT A LIST OF PRIORITY AREAS FOR RESEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

OF THE US NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION WILL VISIT SELECTED INSTITUTIONS IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS WORKING PROGRAM IN ORDER TO CONSIDER EXPANSION OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING BASIC AND APPLIED ASPECTS OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS, THE ENGINEERING SCIENCES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

ARTICLE 3

THE PARTIES WILL FACILITATE, AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE PROGRAM PERIOD, THE CONCLUSION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, EMPHASIZING THE FOLLOWING AREAS: HIGHWAY TRANSPORT, RAIL TEST TRACK DEVELOPMENT, AND URBAN TRANSPORT.

ARTICLE 4

THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE.

ARTICLE 5

THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE IS PREPARED TO EXCHANGE HEALTH SPECIALISTS UP TO 12 MAN-MONTHS PER YEAR FOR EACH SIDE, ON THE BASIS OF THE RECEIVING SIDE PAYS.

ARTICLE 6

UNDER ITS "GUEST WORKER" PROGRAM, THE US NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE QUALIFIED CZECHOSLOVAK GUEST SCIENTISTS, ON A SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS. NBS WILL PROVIDE RESEARCH FACILITIES AND COOPERATION OR GUIDANCE WITHOUT COST. THE NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS WILL BE DETERMINED DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROGRAM PERIOD.

ARTICLE 7

TO IDENTIFY FURTHER AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST AND PLAN ADDITIONAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SCIENTIFIC ADMINISTRATORS OF BOTH PARTIES WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TON DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROGRAM.

ARTICLE 8

THE PARTIES WILL PROMOTE EXPLORATION OF ADDITIONAL ARRANGE-

MENTS BETWEEN APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE FIELDS OF MINING, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND REPORT THE RESULTS AT THE

FIRST MEETING OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES MENTIONED IN ARTICLE 22 OF THIS PROGRAM DOCUMENT.

ARTICLE 9

THE PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE CONTACT BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND SPECIALISTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO EXPLORE AREAS OF COOPERATION OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

ARTICLE 10

ALL FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC FIELDS WILL BE NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE CONCERNED US AND CZECHOSLOVAK AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.
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